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**NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT**

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**SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**  
**(CV.PoA)**

THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND THE SCHEDULED TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) ACT, 1989 AND AMENDED ACT, 2015 & THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND THE SCHEDULED TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) RULES, 1995 AND AMENDED RULES, 2016 - MODEL CONTINGENCY PLAN UNDER RULE 15 OF THE SAID RULES.

**[G.O.Ms.No.41, Social Welfare (CV.PoA), 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.]**

1. The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities), Act, 1989 and Amended Act, 2015 (Act No.1 of 2016).
2. The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities), Rules, 1995 and Amended Rules, 2016.

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**ORDER:-**

The Constitution of India has conferred the special rights to address the social, educational and economic backwardness of Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribes arising out of age old social practices. Further, various legislations and special provisions have been passed/provided to protect the rights of the people and prevent any further discrimination and exploitation, social empowerment and protection of the SC/STs.

2. In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, Parliament enacted the Scheduled castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, (Act No.33 of 1989), to prevent the commission of offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, to provide for Special Courts for the trial of such offences and for the relief and rehabilitation of the victims of such offences and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
3. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Welfare, New Delhi have framed the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995; in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 23 of the said Act, 1989. Accordingly, the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995 and amended Rules, 2016 have come into force with effect from 31.03.1995 and 14.04.2016 respectively.
4. As per Rule 15 of the said rules, the State Government is required to prepare a Model Contingency Plan for implementation of the provision of the Act and notify the same in the Official Gazette of the State Government. The Contingency Plan should specify the role and responsibilities of various departments and their officers at different levels, the role and responsibility of Rural/Urban Local Bodies and Non-Governmental Organizations containing package of relief measures on various aspects specified therein.
5. It shall be the duty of the District Administration, particularly the District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police/Commissioners of Police, to ensure that effective steps are taken to prevent the occurrence of atrocities on any Schedule Caste/Scheduled Tribe citizen in their jurisdiction. This shall include periodic visits in sensitive areas, supervision of investigation/prosecution of offences under the Act, periodic meeting of the members of the community from all over the district and all other measures prescribed in the SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 and Amendment Act, 1995, SC/ST (PoA) Rules, 1995 and Amended Rules, 2016.
6. Whenever an atrocity takes place in the districts, it shall be the duty of all departments/agencies/corporations/organizations of Government in the district to fulfil their role prescribed in the State Contingency Plan, so that the victims of atrocities are properly rehabilitated as soon as possible.

7. Accordingly, the following notification in respect of Model Contingency Plan will be republished in an extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette:-

Sl. No.	Provision	Functions and Benefits	Time limit & Officer responsible	Department concerned
1.	<b>Rule 15 (1) (a)</b> Scheme to provide immediate relief in cash or in kind or both	In order to provide immediate relief in cash or in kind or both, as stipulated in rule 15(1)(a), the Officers concerned shall visit the place or area of atrocity to assess the damage to life and the property immediately and draw a list of victims, family members and dependents entitled to relief (Rule 12(1)).	<b>Relief to be provided within 7 days</b> District Magistrate / Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/DD(SW) / DD(TW) / DTWO /SP /DSP in the Districts and Commissioners of Police in cities.	a) Revenue Department b) Social Welfare & Tribal Welfare Department c) Home Department
2.	<b>Rule 15 (1) (aa)</b> Appropriate Schemes for rights of the victims and witnesses in accessing justice as in subsection 11 of section 15 (A) of Chapter IVA of the Act, 2015.	I. The victims of atrocities have to be provided with a copy of the recorded First Information Report (FIR) at free of cost as stipulated in sub section 11 (a) of Section 15A of the Act. The copy of the FIR has to be provided after reading out the contents to the complainant.	<b>Immediately on registering the FIR</b> Inspector of Police /Sub-Inspector of Police in charge of the Police Station.	Home Department
		II. The victims of atrocities have to be provided with immediate relief in cash or in kind as stipulated in sub section 11(b) of Section 15A of the Act.	<b>Within seven days</b> District Magistrate / Sub Divisional Magistrate / Executive Magistrate	Revenue Department
		III. To provide necessary protection to the victims of atrocity or their dependents and witnesses as per subsection 11(c) of Section 15A of the Act, the officers concerned shall visit the place of incident and make arrangements of the safety and protection of the affected persons.	<b>Within 24 hours</b> Assistant Commissioners of Police in cities / Deputy Superintendents of Police in Districts	Home Department
		IV. To provide relief in respect of death or injury or damage to property to the victims of atrocities and the affected families as per the sub section 11(d) of Section 15A of the Act. Necessary proposals shall be sent to the District Administration by the Officers concerned immediately	<b>Within 24 hours</b> District Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate / Executive Magistrate and Investigating Officer	a) Revenue Department b) Home Department
		V. The victims of atrocities have to be provided with immediate relief in cash or in kind as stipulated in sub section 11(e) of Section 15A of the Act, Such relief shall also include food, water, clothing, shelter, medical aid, transport facilities and other essential items necessary for human beings as stipulated in Rules 12(5) and rule 12(7).	<b>Within seven days</b> District Magistrates / Sub Divisional Magistrates / Executive Magistrate/ DD(SW)/ DD(TW) / DTWO	a) Revenue Department b) Social Welfare & Tribal Welfare Department
		VI. Maintenance expenses has to be provided to the atrocity victims and their dependents as per sub section 11(f) of Section 15A of the Act till the victims of atrocities return to normal life.	<b>Within 24 hours</b> District Magistrate / SDM / EM	Revenue Department
		VII. To provide the information about the rights of atrocity victims at the time of making complaints and registering the First Information Report as per sub section 11(g) of Section 15A of the Act. Apart from that, additional information if any related to the atrocity and assistance required by the complainants have also to be provided.	<b>Immediately on registering the FIR</b> Inspector of Police / Sub-Inspector of Police in charge of Police Station	Home Department

		VIII. To provide protection to atrocity victims or their dependents and witnesses from intimidation and harassment as per the sub section 11(h) of Section 15A of the Act, necessary steps should be taken to provide protection to them and also prevent any further atrocities.	<b>Within 24 hours</b>  Assistant Commissioners of Police in cities / Deputy Superintendents of Police in the Districts	Home Department
		IX. To provide information to atrocity victims or their dependents or associated organizations or individuals, on the status of investigation and charge sheet and to provide copy of the charge sheet at free of cost as per sub section 11(i) of Section 15A of the Act.	<b>Immediately on filing of charge sheet - within 60 days</b>  Charge sheeting authority (Inspector of Police / Sub Inspector of police)	Home Department
		X. Necessary precautions should be taken at the time of medical examination as per the subsection 11(j) of Section 15 A of the Act.	<b>Within 24 hours</b>  Medical Officers in the districts and Investigating Officer.	a) Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department. b) Home Department
		XI. To provide information to atrocity victims or their dependents or associated organizations or individuals, regarding the relief amount as stipulated in subsection 11(k) of Section 15A of the Act.	<b>Within 7 days</b>  District Magistrate / SDM/ EM	Revenue Department
		XII. To provide information to atrocity victims or their dependents or associated organizations or individuals, in advance about the dates and place of investigation and trial as per sub section 11(l) of Section 15A of the Act so as to ensure fair and proper investigation.	<b>3 days in advance</b>  Investigating Officers (IO) and Spl. Public Prosecutors	Home Department
		XIII. To give adequate briefing on the case and preparation for trial to atrocity victims or their dependents or associated organizations or individuals and to provide the legal aid for the said purpose as per subsection 11(m) of Section 15A of the Act.	<b>2 days before the trial</b>  Spl. Public Prosecutor / Exclusive Public Prosecutor	Home Department
		XIV. To execute the rights of atrocity victims or their dependents or associated organizations or individuals at every stage of the proceedings under this Act and to provide the necessary assistance for the execution of the rights as stipulated in the sub section 11(n) of Section 15A of the Act.	<b>At every stage of the proceeding</b>  District Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Commissioner of Police in cities/ Superintendent of Police in districts / and Spl. Public Prosecutors/DD(SW)/ DD(TW)/DTWO	a) Revenue Department b) Home Dept. c) Social Welfare and Tribal Welfare Department
3.	<b><u>Rule 15 (1) (b)</u></b> Allotment of agricultural land and house sites to the victim/dependents of the atrocities	Allotment of Agricultural land and House sites as per rule 15(1) (b). Steps should be taken to allot land subject to the guidelines to be issued from time to time and house sites where necessary for the purpose of rehabilitation.  If Government land is not available, the agriculture land may be provided under Land Purchase Scheme.	<b>Within 3 months</b>  District Magistrate / Sub Divisional Magistrate / Executive Magistrate	Revenue Department
4.	<b><u>(Rule 15(1) (c))</u></b> Rehabilitation	The immediate need of the victims of atrocity / dependents are food, clothing, shelter, etc.  Thus, shelters to be provided in schools, community halls and any Government buildings and immediate arrangement should be made to supply minimum cooking vessels, clothes required by the	<b>Within 24 hours</b>  District Magistrate / Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Municipal Commissioner / Panchayat Secretary	a) Revenue Department b) Municipal Administration c) Panchayat Raj and Rural Development

	measures.	victims of atrocities/ dependents.  If permanent rehabilitation is required the same may be provided through District SCSC Society and TRICOR schemes.	<b>Within 2 months</b>  District Magistrate / ED, District SCSC Society / DD(TW) / DTWO for TRICOR	d) Social Welfare and Tribal Welfare Departments
5.	<b>Rule 15 (1) (d)</b> Schemes for employment in Government / its undertakings	Permanent employment in Government/ Government undertakings shall be provided to the dependent or any of the family members of the deceased victim or rape victims	<b>Within 3 months</b>  District Magistrate and all Department District level officers	Any Department where vacancy exists
6.	<b>Rule 15 (1) (e)</b> Pension scheme	Pension shall be provided for widows, handicapped or old-age victims of atrocity in the existing pension schemes	<b>within 15 days</b>  District Magistrate/ Project Director, DRDA / MPDO	a) Revenue Dept. b) Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department
7.	<b>Rule 15 (1) (f)</b> Mandatory compensation for the victims	Mandatory compensation shall be provided for the victims as mentioned in Annexure-I of POA Rules, 2016.	<b>As per the scale and stage of the case as mentioned in Annexure-I of POA Rules, 2016.</b>  District Magistrate / Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ DD(SW)/DD(TW)/ DTWO	a) Revenue Dept. b) Social Welfare & Tribal Welfare Departments
8.	<b>Rule 15 (1) (g)</b> Scheme for strengthening the socio-economic conditions of the victims	If the victim or dependent, own agricultural land they should be supplied with seeds, fertilizers, etc., under the existing schemes.	<b>Within 1 month</b>  District Magistrate/Joint Director of Agriculture/ Assistant Director of Agriculture/Agricultural Officer/ Horticulture Officer.	a) Revenue Dept. b) Agriculture Department
		<b>Livelihoods:</b> The victims of atrocity may be organized into Self-Help Groups, skill development training and assisted for viable activity for deriving sustainable income under any of the schemes implemented through APSCCFC. They shall be provided with necessary assistance/ guidance to avail the benefits of Economic Development schemes of District SCSC Societies / TRICOR. They may be provided wage employment scheme work for immediate relief.	<b>Training to be done within 6 months</b>  Project Director, DRDA/ Project Director, DWMA/ED, District SCSC Societies /DD(TW)/DTWO, TRICOR	a) Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department b) Social Welfare and Tribal Welfare Department
9.	<b>Rule 15(1)(h)</b> Provision of brick/ stone masonry house to the victims	If the houses of the victims of atrocity are damaged fully, they may be provided funds under housing scheme for construction of new houses under existing housing schemes.	<b>Sanctioning shall be given within 15 days</b>  <b>And construction shall be completed within 6 months</b>  District Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ D.M Housing.	a) Revenue Department b) Housing Department
10.	<b>Rule 15(1)(i)</b> (a) Health care	Health care should be provided to the victims of atrocities. Immediate preventive measures and medical relief should be provided at free of cost by all the Government Hospitals in the State/District/ Primary Health Centers. For this purpose free health services, transport, emergency medication shall be provided to ensure diagnosis and treatment.  Free treatment should be given inclusive of free medicines and the doctor concerned will be made responsible for ensuring proper treatment and relief.	<b>Within 24 hours</b>  District Magistrate / DMHO	a) Revenue Department b) Health, Medical and Family Welfare Dept.

		<p>In case of emergency the cost of transporting victims and their attendants must be borne by the Government, either through its own Ambulances or through hired transport.</p> <p>Further, DMHO should take necessary steps to constitute comprehensive Mobile Health Care Teams which shall give required medical treatment and medicines.</p>		
	(b) Supply of essential commodities	<p>The victims of atrocities shall be given essential commodities such as Rice, Wheat, Sugar, Kerosene Pulses etc., for a period of 3 months. Ration commodities should be released from the Public Distribution System (PDS) on priority.</p> <p>The quantum of articles to be released shall depend on the period for which atrocity victims/dependents are to be taken care of.</p> <p>The total quantity may be decided by the District Magistrate. To arrange the release of these commodities from the nearest Civil Supplies go down on credit basis and shall recoup the cost of these items from the funds available under Monetary Relief and Legal aid (Government of India): 2225-01-800-12-04-310-312 Monetary Relief and Legal aid (matching state share): 2225-01-800-06-04-310-312</p>	<p><b>Within 5 days</b></p> <p>District Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate / Executive Magistrate/DM Civil Supplies Corporation/ District Supply Officer</p>	<p>a) Revenue Department</p> <p>b) Civil Supplies Dept.</p>
	(c) Electrification	<p>Electrification of the rehabilitated colonies of victims of atrocities shall be done by DISCOMS.</p> <p>Even in case where an individual becomes victim of atrocities and if the Government builds and allots a house, such house shall be given electrical connection if necessary, by extending the LT (Low Tension) line.</p> <p>In case of total damage of electric lines in the habitations due to community clash, immediate restoration of electricity is necessary. If temporary shelters are provided to the victims of atrocities such shelters should be provided with immediate electrical connection.</p>	<p><b>Within 3 months</b></p> <p>SE/EE, DISCOMS</p>	Energy Department
	(d) Drinking water	Adequate drinking water facility shall be provided on priority basis	<p><b>Within one month</b></p> <p>District Magistrate / Municipal Commissioner/ S.E. (RWS) / Panchayat Secretary</p>	<p>a) Revenue Department</p> <p>b) Municipal Administration &amp; Urban Development Department</p> <p>c) Panchayat Raj &amp; Rural Development (RWS)</p>
	(e) Burial / cremation ground	Allot land for Burial/ Cremation ground for SCs and STs in the area	<p><b>Within 3 months</b></p> <p>District Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate / Executive Magistrate</p>	Revenue Department
	(f) Link roads	Link Roads to be provided to the habitations affected by the community clashes/ atrocities	<p><b>Within 3 months</b></p> <p>District Magistrate / S.E. (PR) / S.E. (R&amp;B)</p>	<p>a) Revenue Department</p> <p>b) Panchayat Raj &amp; Rural Development Department</p> <p>c) R&amp;B Dept.</p>

8. The implementation of the above Model Contingency Plan shall be reviewed in the District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee (DVMC) meetings along with other items and a quarterly report on the implementation of contingency plan shall be submitted as a part of the DVMC report by the DM to the Director of Social Welfare (Nodal Officer) and to the State Government

9. The Director of Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur/Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

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